

Minutes of the Meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Osmotherley on Thursday 19th March 2026

- 1. Present:** Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mr P Howlett (Vice-Chairman), Mr T Sillars, Mrs M Kay, Mr N Ward, Mr T Wood, Mr S Blythe, Mr M Read, Mrs C Nozedar, Mr M Laverick, Mrs A Atkinson and NYC Representative Cllr D Hugill

Apologies were received from: none.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 19th February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment from the NYC Representative.**

3. Public Forum

None

4. Matters arising:

4.1 Items not on the agenda

The Clerk updated the council on the following items not on the agenda:

- Following a meeting with the representative of the village Environment Group the Clerk confirmed that a new Himalayan birch tree will be planted to replace the one blown down in 2022. The village caretaker will assist with the collection of the tree and subsequent planting.
- The leak on Burnthouse Bank is ongoing and is likely to be runoff. Reported to NY Highways and investigation works by Highways scheduled for March.
- The water running continuously near the war memorial seems to have moved to behind the bus shelter. Highways have agreed to further jetting works.
- The damaged bollards on North End are in the process of being replaced by NYC.
- The disabled toilet door has been repaired by Race Builders and a new handle fitted to allow for easier access.

4.2 Police matters

The police report from 1st Feb to 28th Feb 2026 was circulated to all councillors to discuss the following incidents:

Burglary: Residential: 1 – theft of joint of meat, male arrested

Theft (including from shops):1

4.3 Highways

A request was made by some residents for an additional bus stop at the top of Clack Bank. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been submitted to Passenger Transport at NYC but nothing received to date.

There appears to be a leak on Quarry Road, opposite Oak Garth and the Clerk will report this to Highways. Similarly a leak on South End near the Water Works has been a constant for a while and will need investigation. Highways will once again be informed.

A pothole has been identified by TS on North End and details will be sent to the Clerk for onward reporting.

4.4 NYC Representative Report

The councillor presented the report on the evening and highlighted the following:

- The Conservative Group are still the largest group.
- Social Care is in high demand.
- Adult Services remains one of the best run in the country.
- Savings from LGR has been used to prop up the revenue budget, alongside reserves.
- A59 Blubberhouses bypass will be completed soon.
- There is a national shortage of qualified planning officers which continues to make running the department difficult.

4.5 Village Assets

The Chairman brought up the issue of the PC adopting the Thimbleby defib, together with any associated costs. It was agreed to support the village in adopting the defib and weekly checks will be carried out by volunteers moving forward. PH confirmed that the defib was registered online on the Curcuit and he would look into whether other areas in the PC could benefit from this provision.

The Clerk confirmed that the electricity contract for the toilets was due to expire on the 31st March and following research it has been moved from SSE to E-On, a savings of over £200 per annum.

4.6 Constituent Reports

Members from the other areas in the Parish were asked to raise any issues pertinent to their areas.

Nothing to report.

5. Correspondence

Most correspondence is now electronic and is forwarded when received so Members can therefore raise concerns or comments by email to the Clerk should it need to be an agenda item. These items will only be minuted if they are discussed at a meeting.

6. Planning.

a) Applications

6.1 Hambleton House, 8 West End - Listed Building consent for installation of accessibility railings to front entrance - **Support**

6.2 High Lane Farm, High Lane, Kirby Sigston - Application for the Construction of Agricultural Building – **Support**

b) Decisions

6.3 OS Field 8587 Opposite Pintail Nest, Winton - Construction of a tractor shed – **Granted**.

The Clerk confirmed that he had registered the PC's concerns at this residence regarding this application following its 'granting' however confirmation from Planning that a site visit had taken place and that all necessary approvals were in place.

7. a, b, c and d Accounts

The Clerk reported the up-to-date financial position of the council updating the accounts from the last meeting in February. The monthly bank reconciliation was agreed and supported.

Income reported at last meeting	£29,683.97	
a) Receipts in the period:		
Electronic Honesty Box	£4.90	
Honesty Box	<u>£57.00</u>	
Total income for the period		<u>£61.90</u>
Revised 2025/26 income to 28th February 2026		£29,745.87

Expenditure reported to last meeting	£21,390.88	
b) Payments in the period:		
Osmotherley Village Hall - December	£11.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - January	£11.00	
Printroom - Messenger February	£117.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£95.49	
Holly Enisz - January hours	£84.50	
1 & 1 Internet - Monthly web fee	£13.85	
Scottish Water - Toilets	£285.27	
Service Charge	<u>£6.00</u>	
Total expenditure for the period	<u>£624.11</u>	
Revised 2025/26 expenditure to 28th February 2026		£22,014.99

c) Funds:

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)	-£562.21
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting	<u>£34,339.28</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting	£33,777.07

Represented by:

Balance of Unity Trust a/c 28th February 2026	£33,777.07
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Invoices for Payment:

Sam Turner & Sons - Various toilet consumables	£10.98	
J.Robinson - Salary	£798.29	
HMRC	£199.60	
Printroom - Messenger March	£117.00	
Restarting Hearts - Donation	£100.00	
J.Robinson - Expenses	£51.99	
H.Enisz - Toilet cleaning February	£91.00	
Osmotherley Village Hall - Feb meeting	£11.00	
A.Hill & Sons - purchase of Himalayan birch tree	<u>£60.00</u>	
		£1,439.86

8. Any Other Business

It was reported that the Head at the primary school is retiring this year and it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the school thanking her for all her hard work over her long career at the school.

The Chairman reported that a resident in the village had presented a proposal to him, which may form a Community Investment Trust. The individual, who is known to the Council, feels that while the Village currently enjoys a stable community base, this stability is only 'paper thin'. The proposal is aimed at supporting existing parties, such as the PC, to complement the future stability of the village by being able to create/support activities within the Village that add to the future stability. The Rural Design Centre had been approached to assist in this endeavour. At this stage the PC has only been given sight of the proposal (which will be circulated to councillors after the meeting) and whilst support from the PC would be helpful this could not be guaranteed at this stage until more details have been received. It was also suggested that we could invite the individual to a future PC meeting, should this be agreed.

9. Press Items

It was agreed that the approved minutes be included on the website and a summary of the discussions at this meeting be included in the next available Messenger newsletter.

10. Date of next meeting : The meeting will take place on Thursday 16th April 2026 in the Supper Room, Village Hall, Osmotherley at 7:30pm prompt.